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October 19, 2001 15:56:47 IP address: 206.190.145.215 ---> Commentors Name: Mr. Allen T. Pierce PE ---> Organization: self ---> Position: ---> The Commentors Address: ---> 56498 Crest Dr ---> Warren, Oregon 97053 ---> Email Information: ---> al_pierce@ieee.com ---> Add commentor to the mailing list : yes ---> Contact Information: ---> fax number : ----> phone number : 503-3975739 ---> organization : self ---> position : --> Comment Text :

1. The Yucca Mountain Preliminary Site Suitability Evaluation does provide an adequate basis for finding that the Yucca Mountain site is suitable for development of a repository.

Subject: Possible Site Recommendation for Yucca Mountain

- 2. The Secretary of the Department of Energy should recommend the site to the President as soon as possible.
- 3. Basis for my views: I worked for 13 years as an engineer in the nuclear industry, including six years at the Trojan Nuclear Plant in Rainier Oregon. My family and I live 20 miles from the Trojan Nuclear Plant, which was shut down in 1992. All the spent fuel from the plant is located in the spent fuel pool. This is not a safe location. It is vulnerable to attack by terrorists.

The spent fuel should be moved to permanent underground disposal as soon as possible. I understand that the Yucca Mountain site planning process requires evaluating the safety of the waste material in 10,000 years. I am much more concerned with the safety of the waste in 10 years, 10 months, or 10 days.

- 4. I herby request that, if the Secretary does not recommend site suitability to the President, then an environmental impact statement should be completed to assess the risks and consequences of leaving spent fuel and other nuclear waste at locations that are subject to terrorist attacks. I am sure that such an assessment would show that the consequences of such attacks would be catastrophic and unacceptable to the American people.
- 5. I also want to commend the Department of Energy and its contractors for the excellent work that has been put into studying Yucca Mountain site. Thank you for giving me a chance to comment.

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Sincerely yours,

Allen Pierce, PE